

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are now pending in the application. The Examiner noted restriction to one of three inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121. Per the Examiner: Claims 1-12 of an Invention I are drawn to a unitary insulated wall, classified in class 52, subclass 506.01; Claims 13-20 of an invention II are drawn to a mobile platform, classified in class 52, subclass 404.01; and Claims 21-30 of an invention III are drawn to a method for insulating a compartment, classified in class 52, subclass 741.1.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Claims 1-12 identified by the Examiner as Invention I, drawn to a unitary insulated wall, classified in class 52, subclass 506.01, with traverse.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the restriction requirement because it is believed that examining at least Claims 1-12 as well as Claims 13-15 and 17-20 would not produce a serious burden upon the Examiner to maintain these claims. (See MPEP §803). As noted by the Examiner, Claims 13-20 of invention II are drawn to a mobile platform, classified in class 52, subclass 404.01. Claims 14-20 depend from Claim 13. Subclass 404.01 is defined as “Structure including a cavity within a wall, ceiling, or floor and a discrete filler body of insulating material within said cavity, differing in kind from that of the barrier, which material tends to inhibit the passage of heat and/or sound therethrough”.

It is noted Claim 13 recites in part:

“an exterior skin defining at least one interior compartment;
a composite wall conformable to a shape of the exterior skin and
connectable to the exterior skin within the interior compartment; and

the composite wall including at least one insulation layer and a flexible layer attachable to the insulation layer;

wherein the flexible layer operably forms an interior boundary surface of the interior compartment when the composite wall is connected to the exterior skin having the insulation layer facing the exterior skin."

It is submitted that Claim 13 and at least Claims 14-15 and 17-20 do not include the limitations of a structure including a cavity within a wall, ceiling, or floor and a discrete filler body of insulating material within said cavity as required by class 52, subclass 404.01. Claim 16 appears to be the only Claim of invention group II that meets all the limitations of class 52, subclass 404.01.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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